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To recognize and grant a Federal charter to the National Alliance for the
Mentally Ill.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAPTUR (for herself and Mr. BRYANT) introduced the following bill; which
was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FEDERAL CHARTER.**

4 The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, a non-
5 profit corporation organized under the laws of the State
6 of Missouri (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “cor-
7 poration”), is recognized as such and is granted a Federal
8 charter.

1 **SEC. 2. OBJECTS AND PURPOSES OF CORPORATION.**

2 The objects and purposes of the corporation are those
3 provided in its articles of incorporation, bylaws, and policy
4 platform and shall include the following:

5 (1) Promoting a system of treatment and reha-
6 bilitation for chronically mentally ill veterans in VA
7 hospitals and in the community.

8 (2) Promoting increased emphasis on bio-
9 medical and services research for chronically men-
10 tally ill veterans.

11 (3) Conducting educational programs and ac-
12 tivities with the Department of Veterans Affairs to
13 facilitate increased knowledge about mental illness
14 and reducing stigma and misinformation about these
15 disorders.

16 (4) Developing community support groups with-
17 in the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Cen-
18 ters for chronically mentally ill veterans and their
19 families.

20 (5) Fostering expertise and resource allocation
21 in treatment and supportive services for chronically
22 mentally ill veterans who are homeless or in jeopardy
23 of becoming homeless.

24 (6) Improving the interface of the Department
25 of Veterans Affairs with other important govern-

1 mental and private entities serving chronically men-
2 tally ill veterans.

3 **SEC. 3. NONDISCRIMINATION.**

4 In establishing the conditions of membership in the
5 corporation and in determining the requirements for serv-
6 ing on the board of directors or as an officer of the cor-
7 poration, the corporation may not discriminate on the
8 basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, age, or na-
9 tional origin.

10 **SEC. 4. RESTRICTIONS.**

11 (a) LOANS.—The corporation may not make any loan
12 to any officer, director, or employee of the corporation.

13 (b) STOCK.—The corporation shall have no power to
14 issue any shares of stock or to declare or pay any divi-
15 dends.

16 (c) CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL.—The corporation
17 shall not claim congressional approval or the authorization
18 of the Federal Government for any of its activities.

19 **SEC. 5. AUDIT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS.**

20 The first section of the Act entitled “An Act to pro-
21 vide for audit of accounts of private corporations estab-
22 lished under Federal law”, approved August 30, 1964 (36
23 U.S.C. 1101), is amended—

24 (1) by redesignating paragraph (72) as para-
25 graph (71);

1 (2) by inserting “(72)” before “The Non-Com-
2 missioned Officers Association”;

3 (3) by redesignating the second paragraph (60)
4 as paragraph (73); and

5 (4) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(77) The National Alliance for the Mentally
7 Ill.”.

8 **SEC. 6. ANNUAL REPORT.**

9 The corporation shall report annually to the Congress
10 concerning the activities of the corporation during the pre-
11 ceding fiscal year. Such annual report shall be submitted
12 at the same time as the report of the audit required by
13 section 5 of this Act. The report shall not be printed as
14 a public document.

15 **SEC. 7. TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.**

16 The corporation shall maintain its status as an orga-
17 nization exempt from taxation as provided in the Internal
18 Revenue Code of 1986. If the corporation fails to maintain
19 such status, the charter granted by this Act shall expire.

20 **SEC. 8. TERMINATION.**

21 The charter granted by this Act shall expire if the
22 corporation fails to comply with—

23 (1) any restriction or other provision of this
24 Act,

1 (2) any provision of its bylaws or articles of in-
2 corporation, or

3 (3) any provision of the laws of the District of
4 Columbia.

